

For Information Contact Public Affairs SANDY RAYNOR Telephone: (602) 514-7625

Cell: (602) 525-2681

## TUCSON MAN ARRESTED ON CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES

TUCSON, Ariz.- Carl Harrison, 39, of Tucson, Ariz., was arrested here yesterday without incident based on a six-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury for Attempted Distribution of Child Pornography, Distribution of Child Pornography, Receipt of Child Pornography and Possession of Child Pornography. During his initial appearance in Tucson federal court this afternoon, Harrison was detained by U.S. Magistrate Judge Velasco until his detention hearing set for Wednesday, May 31 at 11:00 a.m.

U.S. Attorney Paul K. Charlton stated that "I applaud the great efforts and successes of ICE and National Center for Missing and Exploited Children to locate and bring to justice these predators who use email and the Internet to feed their addiction at the expense of innocent children."

"Our commitment to getting people like this off the streets cannot be overstated," said Roberto G. Medina, special agent-in-charge of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's office of investigation in Arizona. "Finding those who exploit our children for sexual purposes will continue to be one of our highest investigative priorities."

The indictment, dated May 24, 2006, alleges that hundreds of images of child pornography, both photos and movies, were found on Harrison's computer as a result of a forensic search. The forensic search of the computers also indicated that there were a number of e-mails, both incoming and outgoing, to other e-mail addresses with attachments of child pornography images.

A conviction for any of the Attempted Distribution, Distribution and Receipt of Child Pornography counts carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison with a five year mandatory minimum, a \$250,000 fine and the possibility of lifetime supervised release. A conviction for any of the Possession of Child Pornography counts carries a maximum of 10 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine and the possibility of lifetime supervised release. In determining an actual sentence, the District Court Judge will consult the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines, which provide appropriate sentencing ranges. The judge, however, is not bound by those guidelines in determining a sentence.

An indictment is simply the method by which a person is charged with criminal activity and raises no inference of guilt. An individual is presumed innocent until competent evidence is presented to a jury that establishes guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

The investigation preceding the indictment was conducted by Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. The prosecution is being handled by Judson T. Mihok, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson, Ariz.

CASE NUMBER: CR-06-0989 TUC RELEASE NUMBER: 2006-085(Harrison)